The value of exports of herbal medicines during 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 is given below:—

Year	Value (in Rs. crores)
1986-87	4.37
1987-88	2.69
1988-89	2.67

(c) and (d) The Indian Council of Agdicultural Research (ICAR) is operating a project known as All India Coordinated Research Project on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, with nine research centres in different parts of India. It carries research work on selected crops and has brought about improvements both in the development of barieties and in cultivation practices. This has eventually improved commercial cultivation and availability of raw materials in the country, both for use in India and for export.

Cash Compensatory Support for coir products

@@@1106. JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to extend Cash Compensatory Support for the ensuing financial year to coir products also;

(b) if so, for what period; and

(c) whether rubberised coir will also be included therein and if so, what would be the percentage of support?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Government have not finalised the CCS rates for 1990-91.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

@@@Previously Unstarred Question 754, Transferred from the 19th Mach, 1990.

Rubber Plantations

1107. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise rubber plantations during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) whether Government also propose to raise rubber plantations in the non-traditional areas; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to increase rubber plantation in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) For looking after the development requirements and extension needs, etc. in Orissa, a zonal office of the Rubber Board has been set up at Bhubaneswar in 1986. Subsequently, three Regional Officers were opened at Bhubaneswar, Baripada and Berhampur in 1988. In order to make available high yielding planting materials locally, to new entrepreneurs, the Board set up a nursery in Ganjam District in 1988. Three Public sector undertakings are functioning in Orissa with the object of rubber plantation development, each corporation has a target of bringing 1000 hectres under rubber. As a result of the Board's promotional activities and services, a good number of small farmers have taken up rubber cultivation in Orissa.